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(SBU) According to Ministry of External Relations (MRE) Disarmament and Sensitive Technologies (DDS) Division Chief Santiago Mourao, the IAEA has granted its okay for commissioning of the Resende uranium enrichment facility. The commissioning will take place after operational testing to begin in mid-February. Mourao believed that when operational, Resende would not be enriching fuel up to the levels allowed by the IAEA. Mourao noted that there were still small technical details that needed to be worked out between the GOB and the IAEA, for example, the issue of cost sharing.

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